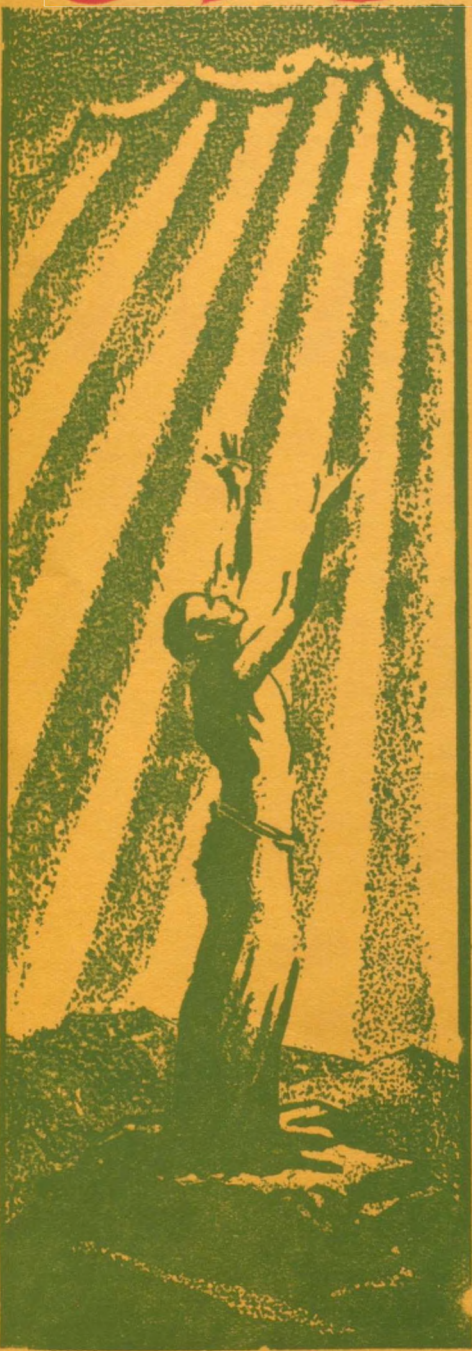


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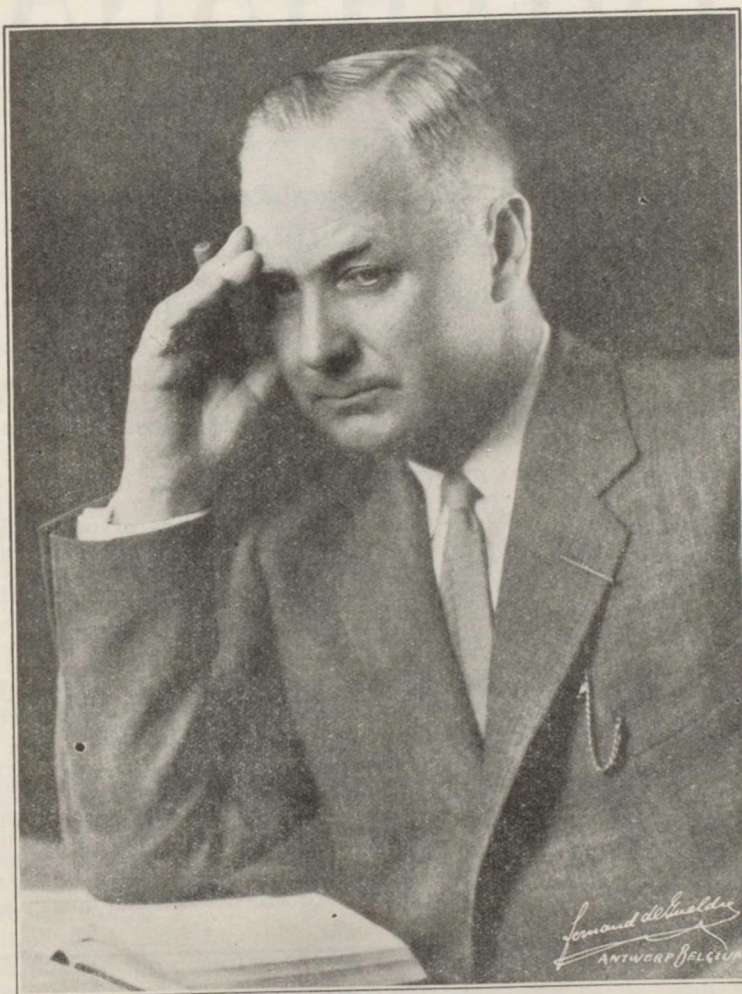
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THE CROSSLESS CHRIST

A few days ago, a gentleman was in my study and we were discussing different phases of religion. The gentleman in question is a federal employee and a man of rather unusual scholarship. I think this gentleman feels that I am rather destructive to the cause of religion, but perhaps if he knew the whole story, he would not say this.

However, I was calling his attention to the last page of my Life Story on which I quote that famous old Christian hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time." This gentleman's reply was, "Yes, but a cross is no good without a Christ." I did not make the reply which was in my mind then, but I will make it now.

I wanted to reply to this gentleman, "A cross without a Christ may be valueless, but I would like to see a Christ without a cross."

This "cross" business has kept more people out of the kingdom of heaven and blinded the eyes and blighted the souls of more people than any other thing I can think of. I would like to see, as I say, a Christ without a cross.

Tracing back the origin of this cross story, we find it ante-dates the Christian religion by many, many years. It is an old symbol held and used by religions which we call pagan, long before Christ ever was born. I have in my possession absolute and authentic records of crosses and crucified gods, hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of years before the Christian religion was ever known. How, then, can the cross of Christ be called an original story?

I have in my possession, photographs of old plates depicting saviors of the world on crosses, crucified for the sins of the world, and this long before the time of Christ. How, then, can we say that this most recent of all "cross" stories is true, while those ante-dating it are false?

Somewhere at the back of every sys-

tem of religion lurks a cross, an object of crucifixion. Why it ever should have been necessary to incorporate this heinous dogma into any philosophy presumed to teach about God, I do not know. Yet, there we find it.

Way back yonder, man was afraid of lightning, and cowered in the presence of thunder. His uneducated mind convinced him that "evil spirits" roamed about the earth seeking the destruction of men. Then this sacrificial doctrine crept in, and man was told that it was necessary for a god to be crucified and leave his throne in heaven before the human race could be saved, whatever that may mean.

A study of comparative religions tells the story simply and very plainly. They all taught and still teach the depravity of man. In some mysterious way, man fell from his former high estate and now exists in a hopelessly lost and damned condition, unless some god or other descends from his throne, suffers the death of the cross, and rises again to give eternal life, only to those who believe that story. Personally, I do not believe that story, and there are millions of others in this world like me, and let me say to my students throughout the world that that story will never win this world to God.

We have had two thousand years of the teaching of it, and if this world knows anything about God today, I'll eat my hat. Instead of its being drawn closer to God, it is being rapidly pushed away from him. The church with its pagan doctrines comes to the world with a Christ on a cross and tells the world that there is no salvation in any other name than that.

Now, let me say once more what I have said a thousand times already—that story is not true and that isn't all—there is no unbiased body of men in existence to whom I could not submit absolute evidence that it is not true.

Of course, these statements are not

welcomed by the church, but I can not help that, for as I told the gentleman in my office the other day, there can be no religion higher than truth, and if known facts disprove anything being taught by orthodox theology, then truth must stand and orthodox theology must fall.

We must never forget that life is an evolution, and if this present civilization lasts (if you can call it civilization) and if it is to be saved (if we want it to be saved), it will have to be saved by an entirely different story than that of any Christ on any cross. As I say, we have had two thousand years of this teaching, and the world today is one long way from being saved. Furthermore, it never can be saved, and never will be saved by that story. What the story is really doing is driving men and women from God at a rate of speed so alarming that even the religious organizations themselves are holding their breaths and wondering what will happen next.

Half the preachers in existence do not believe in the miraculous birth and immaculate conception of Jesus Christ. Half of them do not believe in miracles, and no thinking man who allows logic to reign supreme in his life can ever believe in such things as these.

This gentleman in my study could not understand my stating God must be spiritual law. He told me it was a sort of cold-blooded proposition to ask a person to believe that; but no such thing. As a matter of fact, God can not be anything else than spiritual law, for if in any one single instance he violated his own laws and caused a child to be born by unnatural methods, then this universe hangs on chance and not on law, and chaos might very easily result. If God ever broke one of his own immutable laws, then he may do so again, and I repeat, the universe hangs on chance and not on law.

No, the Christian story of a cross with a Christ on it will never save this world, and it is not to be expected that it should. For if this world could be saved by such a story as that, I would be satisfied to admit that the mind of man is still in its infancy.

Yet, no normal human being will deny

the existence of a supreme creator, nor will any normal human being, able to think rationally, believe that the story of any god on a cross can save the world.

When that picture was first painted, it may have been all right, but it is not all right today. Americans are gifted with the happy faculty of thinking and reasoning, and let the church come to the world with a sane, logical, reasonable story of God, and his relation to man, and Americans by the tens of thousands will accept that story.

The test of the truth of any religious philosophy lies in its effect upon those who study it, and if you would like to know the effect upon those who study it, and if you would like to know the effect of this cross story has been in the lives of individuals and of nations, then read the ghastly story of the great wars the world has seen. More wars have been fought and more blood has been shed because of stories of gods on crosses than for any other reason, and that alone, if nothing else, would brand the story absolutely and utterly false.

Mr. Babson came out in the paper the other day with a statement urging business men to study the Bible. He gave as his reason the fact that the Bible has stood the test of time. He neglected, however, to state which Bible business men were to read, and he gave the direct inference that the Christian Bible is the only one there is. But millions of people knew the story of the resurrection, the crucifixion, and the virgin birth long before Christ was ever heard of, and Bibles containing similar subject matter to the Christian Bible were also in existence long before the Christian Bible was ever put together.

So, if business men are to read the Bible because it has stood the test of time, then let them get the oldest Bible extant and read that.

There are beautiful passages in the Christian Bible as in any other Bible. Take the beautiful parables of Luke. Take many of the Psalms of David, and I would ask for nothing more than them to reveal to me a true picture of God. Listen to the Psalmist as he sings, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." Listen

to him again as he says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." But the crime of it all is that church fathers in the years gone by stole the story of a cross, stole the story of a virgin birth, stole the story or a resurrection, and stole the story of heaven and hell from a pagan system of religious philosophy, and handed it to you and to me as a true and original story. The beautiful parables and the beautiful Psalms are spoiled.

If the present church organizations had the slightest iota of real knowledge about God, you couldn't keep people away from their doors with a police cordon, but it is utterly foolish to think that any existing religious organization can dispense or is dispensing vital God truths today, which truths can liberate the human race here and now. I shall be told, of course, that man is not supposed to be saved until after death, but if the power of the Realm of God cannot operate in the life of a human being here and now, then the chances are that neither can it operate in it at any other time.

Just one demonstration from high heaven that there is a God sitting there holding the world in the hollow of his hand would do much towards satisfying the inborn longing for God in every human life. But we ask for bread and are given a stone. We ask the ministers what we are to believe, and they tell us to believe the story of Jesus Christ. But what's a poor devil like me going to do who knows that the story of Jesus Christ is not true?

As far as Mr. Babson and his Bible talk goes, the Bible contains nothing surpassing the normal intellect of any man to create. It contains no statement which it would require a divinity to make. Nor does it offer the slightest particle of hope for the human race here and now. We are told that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, yet hundreds of thousands of people in this fair land of ours couldn't get within 10 feet of 90% of the churches in the land.

In our own community, this godly city of Moscow, with a large C. C. C. camp on the border of it, you do not see any ministers inviting these C. C. C. boys to

come into church. They send a preacher out there once in a while. I will withdraw part of that statement. Yesterday morning I saw 12 to 20 C. C. C. boys coming out of the Roman Catholic church in Moscow, and I was tickled to death to see it. I have no more use for Roman Catholicism than I have for orthodox Christianity, but there are phases of Roman Catholicism which Protestants might very well copy.

No, the church will have to buy itself a new motion picture machine capable of taking a larger sized film, and it will have to buy itself a film which meets with the public approval, for the voice of the people must be the voice of God.

There is no such thing as God fore-ordaining a certain people to be damned and other people to be lost. Nor is there any such thing as salvation being offered to those who believe one story and it being denied to those who do not believe the story. When the true picture of God is painted, it will be a marvelous picture, and by the way, men and women are insisting that someone paint the true picture right now. It will be a picture in which the actual, literal power of the Realm of God is the most throbbing, pulsating thing in the Universe. This picture of the full knowledge of God will be accompanied by enough power to utterly and absolutely cast out all manner of disease and all manner of so called "sin." The man who guzzles whiskey or who robs a bank or defrauds his neighbor will be looked upon as a curiosity, and the power of God will be used to straighten out such an individual.

When the power of God as it actually exists is fully known, poverty will be an unknown thing, for certainly this world contains enough to supply all. There is nothing wrong with God, but there is plenty wrong with the human race, and if you think there isn't, take a look at what is happening in Europe. There is a beautiful farm near Moscow that I would like to own, and someday I am going to own it, but am I going to take my 38 police special and say to the man on this farm, "Now get out of here. I am a stronger man than you

are, and I want this property, and I'll kill you if you don't give it to me." Am I going to do that? Certainly not. I am going to wait until I am in a position to buy that farm, and then I am going to the owner and either make him a trade, or give him the money and buy the farm.

But Mr. Mussolini, who, by the way, is the man who will cause the greatest world calamity it has ever seen to come to pass, goes into Ethiopia with his dynamite bombs, his machine guns, his poison gas and because he wants territory occupied by another nation, he takes it.

I am telling you, my friends, that the world picture is not so good. You ask me if I think the fullness of the knowledge of God will come without warfare, and I tell you very candidly, no. The world is on the brink now of the greatest volcano it has ever seen. I never predict, for I am not a prophet. What little prophecies I may have, I keep to myself. But I am going to predict here and now that a wholesale slaughter of the deadliest kind will take place before the true power of God is demonstrated on this earth.

This man Mussolini, in my opinion, is the greatest factor opposing God this world has ever seen. He comes with blatant words and defies the peace loving nations of the world. That isn't the worst part of it. The worst part of it is that the spirit behind the man is the spirit of hell if it is anything at all.

I scrambled all over that country a year ago, and I wouldn't give you 50c for all of it, and the same thing applies to France. We are living in the garden spot of the world now, and we are fortunate to be living in it, and if we can keep this fair land of ours as it is, it is closer to heaven than any spot I know of.

If we could only get rid of orthodox theology and replace it with true religion, this country could lead the world to God. Unfortunately, however, we have in our midst, those who must have a Christ on a cross, and as long as they choose to still have such a pagan doctrine as that, I am afraid this country will be held back. Thank heaven, however, it is not the churches who are taking the lead in keeping this world as

good as it is, by any manner of means. It is the free and independent thinkers, and what this country needs more today than it ever needed is men and women who can stand alone and think for themselves. It takes a big man or woman to do that. It takes a big mind. It takes someone in tune with God.

This is Christmas time, and I am going to ask once more every student and friend of mine to be still and know that over the tumult of it all lies God. You cannot understand God to the full, and neither can I, but that is not necessary. All that is necessary is that we even faintly comprehend just a little bit of the magnitude and the power of the great life spirit of God existing and operating here and now. You cannot realize that existence without having your every need supplied.

I was talking to a man the other day who thought perhaps I made extravagant or exaggerated statements in my advertising. I suggested that that person read the advertisements again. It would be absolutely laughable to think that even one touch of the power of God could not provide every man and woman who believed in that power and experienced it with everything they can possibly need here and now, and if the Realm of God cannot do that, then you and I had better forget all about God and do the best we can under existing circumstances.

I am just rambling along this morning, pacing up and down my study, trying to give to my readers something definite and something substantial to which they may anchor their lives. I never make any attempt at brilliant literary efforts. I just speak the thoughts which come into my mind and I never have much trouble about getting people to accept them. They are very simple. They are very true and very reasonable, but they originated in the Realm of God, for I care about nothing else.

Money means nothing to me. I don't have any money. You couldn't find \$50 worth of real estate or anything else in my name, nor has there ever been a time since the start of this movement when I haven't considered my own inter-

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CHRISTMAS

The years come and go, and at the end of every one of them rolls around this time we call Christmas. Every year brings us a little closer to the time when we shall be nothing, or to the time when we shall know much more about everything than we know now. We are like flies on a turbine. We don't know what it is all about, nor are we conscious of the immense power in that turbine. Just as the turbine of a huge ocean liner contains enough power to annihilate a million flies, so the spiritual realm contains proportionately the same amount of power. Yet the little fly is not conscious of the power in the turbine. Neither are we conscious of the great spiritual power pulsating through this Universe in which we live.

Christmas trees will be brought out, candles and electric lights will decorate them. Little toys and trinkets will hang from their branches. Presents will be bought and given and received. Good food will be cooked by those who have it, and to those who have not, Christmas will be just another day.

In this "Christian" land of ours, this 25th of December is supposed to celebrate the birth of a God who came to save the world from sin and to bring peace and good will to the earth. This was two thousand years ago and two thousand years is a long time. Since the day of that supposed advent, many things have happened. The human race has progressed from a low state to a much higher one, mentally, and there has been a wonderful increase in knowledge concerning matters scientific and mechanical. If some of those Galilean shepherders could return today, they would wonder what kind of a world we were living in.

But still there is no peace on this earth, neither has "salvation" been brought to anyone, and the world seems to be today in the worst mess it has ever been in since history began to be writ-

ten. It is always darkest just before the dawn, though and if we view the present happenings in the light of what has happened, what is still happening, and what will happen, I am not so sure that the picture really is as black as it seems. because probably out of the present mess will come gradually, but it will come, a realization of the foolishness of the taking of human life by instruments of warfare.

We will have to get rid of a few Mussolinis, first, but even though you and I do not live to see this time to come, yet it probably will come, nevertheless. But it will come without any effort on the part of any God born two thousand years ago to save this world from sin. I hate to touch upon this point again, because all of my students and magazine readers know what the facts are concerning the presumed birth of that man God. Most of the rest of the world's crucified saviours were supposed to have been born on the 25th of December, and of course, the date given to the birth of Christ was quite conveniently made the same as the other dates.

There will be a lot of suffering this year, and there will be a lot of liquor drunk, also. New York City will see night carousings which even animals would not indulge in, and throughout the length and breadth of this land, more people will make Christmas an excuse to get drunk than will ever celebrate it in worship of a miraculously born God-man.

So, the years roll around. Christmas comes and Christmas goes, and those good folks teaching orthodox religion find themselves slipping. Not so long ago a meeting was held considering the unification of all religious organizations in this country. The statement was made that if this did not happen, religion would probably die. This is not a fact, however, for religion will never die. Man is an intensely religious ani-

mal. His very nature makes him so.

Theology will probably die, and it should die. Outworn creeds and dogmas will probably die too, which they should. But religion will never die. As the years roll by, the human race with the efforts of many spiritual pioneers will catch a new vision of God. Not a God born in a manger whose birth was heralded by shepherds of the East, but a God who has existed from time immemorial and will exist to time immemorial.

The world will slowly find the existence of God, or rather of a Realm of God in which organization is unnecessary. There will then be no need of priest or preacher to dispense truths of God under any theological cult, nor will anyone believe the statement that certain individuals alone possess the right to dispense those truths. In that day, men and women will automatically live powerful, happy, and abundantly successful lives, because they will recognize the presence of the power of the spirit of God, and will let that power come into its own in their own lives.

The birth of a child is always accompanied by more or less pain, and the birth of this new era will also be accompanied by pain, but we shall discount the very thing which has come to us in the name of God and has told us that if we didn't believe that story, we would be eternally damned.

More blood has been shed in the name of religion than in any other name. More wars have been waged in the name of God than in any other name, and it is high time the world and the church awoken to the true state of affairs.

As far as present religious organizations go, they are nothing more nor less than powerless social organizations, knowing so little about the power of God that they are unable to keep themselves on their feet, financially. I speak of the class as a whole, now.

I was speaking to two government officials yesterday, and I happened to make this statement to them: "I am sick and tired of a negative religion." This states my position in a nutshell. I am really sick and tired of a negative religion. I want to see this country baptized with a flood of belief in the actual

existence of a Realm of Spiritual power so dynamic that all other powers and forces fade into insignificance beside it. Such a power Realm as this exists, but men and women seem very slow to believe this, and very loath to find out for themselves whether the statement I am making is true or not.

I have in my possession absolutely incontrovertible evidence that the entire story of Jesus Christ as God is utterly and entirely false and untrue, and just as long as I am mentally and physically able to tell the people of the United States this fact, I am going to tell it. There never will be a religion higher than truth, and if we find out a doctrine or teaching of any religion which is not true, then we can very safely discard it. This is true even though the very fundamentals of every religion in existence be involved.

If a religious organization comes to me and tells me that it has the keys to salvation in its possession, and if it tells me that two thousand years ago a God was born on this earth who was the only God the world has ever known, and if I can prove that statement to be untrue, then it just simply means that that entire organization is operating on a false premise and therefore is utterly and entirely a foolish and untrue teaching.

Don't think I get any pleasure out of making such statements as these, because I don't. I make these because they are absolutely true and I know and you know that until we get truth in the pulpit and in the confession box and everywhere else in the realm of religion, we shall never get to first base.

We have had two thousand years now of the preaching and story of Jesus Christ, and if you ask a minister why the world is in the condition it is in today after two thousand years of preaching of this gospel, he will be considerably flustered, and if he is an honest man, he will tell you that he doesn't know.

There are those who will tell you that pretty soon now God himself is going to descend from the skies with a shout, with the blare of trumpets, and all who have died are going to be resurrected, and all that sort of thing, but that story

was told long before Christ was heard of, and we have seen no resurrected Gods to date, nor will we ever see them. That is not the answer. The answer to this whole problem of life and religion is wrapped up in the fact that neither the church nor the greater part of the human race has ever yet found the true picture of God. A percentage of our people give mental assent to this religious teaching or that religious teaching, but as far as actually putting them into practice goes, they do not do this, nor can they do it.

If I ask you to believe something which your reason cannot grasp, you cannot believe that no matter what it may be, and if I came to you with a story that a God born two thousand years ago came to save this world from sin, and if you look around and see the results of two thousand years of that preaching, you too will know that something is wrong somewhere.

If this God of Calvary is the only true God the world has ever known, what about the millions of people who lived before this God was born, and who never had an opportunity to hear the saving message released from Galilee two thousand years ago? What kind of a justice and what kind of a God can it be who operates in such a manner as that? When the true picture of God is known, we will find a spiritual law which operates and which has ever operated, not for just a chosen few, but for all since the world began. I don't care whether it is the blackest native in darkest Africa, or the holiest man sitting in the holiest temple we have. The Law of the true God covers them both alike, and if it doesn't, then there is no God.

You will remember that I am only trying to put before you a logical, reasoning, common sense definition of God, backed up by personal knowledge and experience which no one can take away from me. All the preachers between here and Halifax could advance all the theological discussions and arguments they cared to and they couldn't shake my faith in the literal existance of the Realm of God here and now.

These articles of mine, of course, do not set very well with those who are un-

able to think or those who are saturated with some church philosophy or other and who do not care to dig into the thing and find out the truth. But reasonable, thinking minds, pioneer minds who only want to know the truth, welcome everything I write.

I had occasion to go through my student files the other week, and read thousands upon thousands of letters which have come in to me since this movement started. I read letters written back in 1930 and I read letters written last week. The same story runs through them all. Perhaps fifty thousand or more people have written to me in the past five or six years, telling me that this philosophy of mine has opened their eyes for the first time to who and what God really is, and if I never do any more than that, I have done far more for the American people than any preacher or any hundred preachers I know have ever done.

Many of the things believed one hundred years ago would not be believed today, and many of the things today will not be believed one hundred years from now. In my own short life I can look back and see plenty of change in religious thought. It isn't much more than a hundred years since John Calvin, the originator of Presbyterianism caused to be brutally murdered one, Dr. Servetus, for making the statement that he did not believe in the Trinitarian doctrine, but you couldn't kill a man for that today. If you could, I would have been killed many times over.

It isn't very many years since the beacon fires lighted England from north to south, feeding their vicious flames with the lives of those poor unfortunates who held a certain religious conviction which the church didn't like. But you couldn't do that today, either. So, you see, religious beliefs, as other beliefs, are changing and they will continue to change until a permanent belief in a permanent, universal God Law is established, and when that time comes, this world will be a better place, I assure you.

The very Christmas ceremony you will be celebrating about the time this magazine reaches you is one of the most

glaring instances of Christian fraud I have ever seen. We celebrate Christmas today as the birth of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world, yet Christmas day was being celebrated long before Christ was ever heard of, and to be exact, it has nothing whatsoever to do with the birth of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world. It is an old German ceremony. Yet thousands of sermons will be preached during the week of December 25th, and thousands of preachers will make the unqualified statement that Christmas day celebrates the birth of Christ. They will not tell you, however, that the birth of Jesus Christ did not originate Christmas day, nor will they tell you that a half a score of other supernaturally born saviours were also born, according to the history or tradition, on that same day.

I think, however, the world is waking up and I am quite satisfied the American people are awakening, and at a very rapid rate. Someone once said "by their fruits ye shall know them," and this applies to religious organizations, or it should apply to them just as well as to any other organization. I am perfectly willing to let my movement stand or fall by the fruits obtained, but I don't think any church organization dare to do that.

Having a mass of followers means nothing at all, because it is usually the case where a certain religious organization has a large number of followers, it has that number of followers and holds them through fear; fear of purgatory, fear of damnation, fear of hell fire, and all that sort of thing, and I wouldn't give you 5c for a million students whom I had to hold by fear and not by common sense or by love.

When the truths of God are fully known, fear will not be in the picture, for are we not told "perfect love casteth out all fear." Let me say to my students everywhere that perfect love is always perfect understanding.

These two government officials who were speaking with me yesterday could not conceive of the power of God being a spiritual law. But if the Realm of God is just, it can be nothing else but a Realm of Law, for law as I use this term

is "proven action." It is immutable. It never changes. It cannot change because it is law and no other designation of the Realm of God can be a true designation.

One Bible picture of the second coming of Christ states that two people shall be sleeping in a bed, the one taken and the other left. It states that two people shall be engaged together in different occupations, the one taken and the other left. What kind of a God would that be, I ask you?

Every human soul is a direct manifestation of the power of the creative life spirit which is God, and if anyone of them could be eternally damned or lost, then there could not be any God.

At this Christmas time, let's get away from every little bit of superstition regarding this great Realm of God, and let's stand on both feet, knowing full well that there must exist and there does exist a spiritual law so dynamic in its power that all other laws and forces fade into insignificance beside it. This is the true picture of God.

Listen to that humanly born spiritual teacher of Nazareth as he flings across the chasm of the ages words pregnant with vital life. Listen to that man (not that God) as he sends to us words which, if literally believed would stem the tide of human corruption and warfare and bring all men in tune with the Infinite.

"I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Listen to him as he stands on one of those beloved hills of his overlooking the city of Jerusalem, as with the tears probably streaming down his cheeks, he stretches out his hands toward that city and with a trembling voice, says, "Oh, Jerusalem, thou that casteth out the prophets and stoneth them sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thee even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wing, but ye would not."

Listen to him once more as he hurls across the chasm of the ages another pungent truth—"The things that I do shall ye do also," and if that great Nazarene teacher ever healed a sick man, if he ever cast out a devil, if he ever raised

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Do This, Please

We have received from the Library of Congress a letter asking if it would be possible for us to send the Library a copy of the September Issue of this magazine for 1934.

We only have one copy for our files, and, of course, we cannot let this go. So, the department has asked that I insert a notice in the next issue of the magazine asking any student having a copy of this issue of the magazine to kindly send it to the Library of Congress, Periodical Division, Washington, D. C.

The letter is signed by Herbert Putnam, and perhaps you had better send your magazine directly to him.

Thank you very much for this.

RELIGION IN MEXICO

The other day, in New York City, I had dinner at the City Club with Mr. Joseph Lewis, who, I understand, heads the American Association for the advancement of atheism.

As my students know full well, I have no use for atheism of any kind, and much less use for any association organized for its advancement. Nevertheless, I had dinner with Mr. Lewis, and he is a bright fellow.

In the course of his conversation, he gave me a pamphlet which contained a radio address he made over station WOR on Sunday, July 7th, 1935. The debate was entitled, "Is Mexico's Religious Policy Justified?" The affirmative was supported by Mr. J. Lewis and the negative was taken by the Honorable William J. Boylan, Member of the House of Representatives of the United States from the state of New York.

I am unable to secure a copy of Mr. Boylan's reply, but I would like to have my readers see the argument of Mr. Lewis.

So, I am having this reprinted in the magazine. As I said before, I have no use of any kind for atheism for the simple reason that this movement here is not founded on atheism, but is founded on the existence of God, and there is quite a difference.

I have just submitted this to my readers because to my way of thinking, it contains interesting information which I know my magazine readers will be interested in.

Radio Address Delivered by Mr. Joseph Lewis,
President of the Freethinkers of America,
Over Station WOR Sunday, July 7, 1935,
on the Question:

"Is Mexico's Religious Policy Justified?"

I consider it a great privilege to defend the Mexican people in their present

religious controversy with the Catholic Church.

From the facts in my possession, coupled with indisputable records from the pages of history, not only do I justify the Mexican people in curbing the activities of the church, I also believe the firm stand they have taken was necessary to their security and peace.

In debating an important question of this kind it would be an act of cowardice on my part if I failed to speak the truth which the facts demand.

Where human liberty and human life are involved, I do not consider any institution too sacred to be exposed. Nor do I believe that the ends of justice can be achieved by remaining silent upon a subject. merely because a religious institution is involved.

No wrong can be too old or too venerable to be attacked.

And he who decided a case, though he may decide rightly, if he has not heard both sides of the question has not done justice.

In my opinion, there is no question of religious liberty involved in this controversy.

If this were a question of religious freedom, I would plead with all the power and strength that I possess not only for the Catholic Church, but for any church; and not only for any church, but for any individual.

I do not believe that religious liberty depends upon arguments.

Although I believe that religion has been a retarding influence upon the intellectual and social life of the human race I would not, for a single moment, deprive any person of the right to worship or to hold any religious opinion he desires.

This right, however, belongs equally to the person who does not worship and who is free from any religious beliefs whatsoever.

But religion, to an even greater de-

gree than charity, covers a multitude of sins.

When a religious organization aligns itself with the forces of reaction it cannot cry "Intolerance" and "Persecution" if it meets the forces of progress.

Catholicism is not the native religion of the Mexican.

It is foreign and alien to his nature.

It was not until the year 1521, that an emissary of the Pope planted his flag upon Mexican soil.

Shortly thereafter, the simple faith of the Aztecs was destroyed.

All of their sacred literature and religious symbols were consumed in flames, and the population baptised en masse into Catholic Christianity.

From that day began the exploitation of a people, almost unparalleled in history.

In addition to being robbed of their possession, they were forced to adopt this alien religion at the point of the sword.

So abject did they become that not only their lands, but even their domestic animals, had to be blessed by the Church—for pay.

And on November 4, 1571, there was established in Mexico, under the dominant rule of the Catholic Church, the most hateful institution that ever existed upon this earth—The Inquisition.

The palace of the Inquisition in Mexico City is now the National School of Medicine.

On April 11, 1649, one hundred and twenty-seven persons were burned to death for violating the laws prohibiting religious liberty.

The Mexican people in their fight against tyranny, corruption and exploitation, found that it was first necessary to break the strangle-hold that the Catholic Church had upon their lives.

No government could exist in Mexico, until the present successful revolution, which offered the slightest semblance of freedom and equality to its people as long as the Catholic Church possessed the resources, controlled the education, and dictated the policies of the nation.

Four hundred years of uninterrupted rule gave the Catholic Church absolute

dominance over fifteen million Mexicans.

No word of mine, no argument that I could advance, could so pertinently tell the story of this dominance and its degradation better than the facts of history itself.

The progress of a nation is determined by the welfare of its people.

What did these four hundred years of absolute domination by the Catholic Church do for the Mexican people?

What was their condition before the revolution of 1857?

It was one of subjection and abject poverty.

What was their average in intelligence? It was one of the lowest on the American continent. 85% were illiterate.

What was their standard of living?

Hardly better than that of slaves.

What was their per capita wealth?

The Church either owned or controlled nearly 90% of this immensely valuable land.

No country in the world had become so pauperized through the avarice of the church. It became known as the "paradise of religious orders."

What was their political situation?

They were vassals of the Church.

Did they possess religious freedom?

How could they? The laws under which they lived for over three hundred years expressly prescribed the Roman Catholic religion, and proscribed all others.

The first Mexican constitution, adopted in 1824, under the domination of the Catholic Church, specifically provided that "The religion of the Mexican nation is and shall perpetually be Roman Catholic—and forbids the exercise of any other."

This is not the first time that the Catholic Church has maintained that the Mexican people have been unfriendly to it.

When the constitution of 1857 was formed, Pope Pius IX denounced it in scathing terms and pronounced the anathema of the Church upon it.

When General Plutarco Elias Calles was President and sought to enforce the reformed constitution of 1917,

based upon the Constitution of 1857, not only were there loud cries of "persecution," but an edict of excommunication was threatened against the people.

And what happened?

The Government of Mexico insisted upon the observance of its laws.

And what was the result?

In 1926 the present Pope placed an interdict upon the people, and the Catholic Church in its entirety went on strike.

For three years it refused to participate in the religious exercises of the Mexican people.

And it was my prediction then, and I think subsequent events have verified it, that those three years proved to be three years of momentous importance in the intellectual and political life of the Republic.

During this period the Mexican government laid the substantial foundation for a new social order, bringing to the enslaved Mexican people the first ray of light of political and social freedom that has brightened their dark horizon during more than four centuries.

While the three-year strike of the Catholic Church lasted, other religious organizations continued to function, and when services were resumed, the hierarchy discovered that it had lost thousands of its communicants.

Laws satisfactory to other religions should certainly be good enough for Catholicism.

Mexicans are not the only people who have found it necessary during the past centuries to curb the power of the Catholic Church.

France, Italy, Spain, Germany and England found it necessary, for the stability of their government and for the welfare of their people not only to curb but, in some instances, to expel the church.

The pages of history speak for themselves.

The religiously deluded youth who assassinated President-elect Alvaro Obregon wore under his shirt, over his heart, a picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe when he committed this dastardly deed.

Today, a Mother Superior is serving a sentence of life imprisonment for her

participation in this crime. In a solemn ceremony she blessed the pistol that fired the fatal shot.

Evidence raises the suspicion that the Catholic Church supported the reprehensible and traitorous Huerta in his campaign of conspiracy against the Mexican people, which ended in the assassination of their beloved President—Francisco Madero.

Even if the clergy had nothing to do with the murder of Madero directly, they rejoiced at his death.

For two days, following his burial, services of celebration were held in their churches throughout the land.

What would our government do if a church persistently violated our laws, flouted our efforts to establish a system of secular education, and was suspiciously associated with the assassination of our presidents?

I think the attitude of the Mexican people, in this crisis, is one of great restraint and lenity.

It is only when the Catholic Church becomes an instrument of political intrigue that the Mexican people insist that its priests be silenced, and its subversive activities halted.

If an individual is known to be an habitual criminal greater precautions are used to protect society from him.

A defiant, meddling, domineering and conspiring religious institution can easily become Public Enemy Number 1.

Thomas Jefferson must have had Mexico in mind when he said:

"In every country and in every age the priest has been hostile to liberty, he is always in alliance with the despot, abetting his abuses in return for protection to his own."

Mexico is now living under a constitution which compares very favorably with, and in some respects, is admirably in advance of our own.

The Mexican constitution, like our own, provides for the secular education of its children, and for the rights of conscience in matters of religious belief.

We cannot object to another country's flattering us by imitation of our laws, especially if those laws are the

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READ WHAT GOD DOES

Los Angeles,
Oct. 28, 1935.

Dr. Robinson
Dear Friend:

Have been wanting to write to you for some time to let you know how I am progressing in my studies.

But first I want to try and draw a picture of myself as I was before I sent for the course of Lessons. I was one of the most unhappy, and most miserable human being in existence. Life had lost all interest for me. In fact, I could not get any pleasure out of life at all. I feared death and the grave, fear seemed to rule me. I had gotten to the point where I felt I could not carry on much longer. Then one Sunday evening I heard you over the radio. Your talk impressed me very much. Then I listened to you several times. In my unhappy state of mind, I was ready to grasp anything that I thought would help me. I would go to church and pray on my knees, but still I was miserable. But Oh, how the picture has changed. When I received my first Lesson I went to work with all my heart and soul, did as you told me to do. I would read my Lesson every day, sometimes two or three times, and it was not long before I could feel the vibrations of the Power of the Living God. It is the first time in about 15 years that I have enjoyed peace and happiness. All fear has vanished. I do not fear anything now. Just before I received my ninth Lesson, I put the God-Law to a test and it worked.

Now, I have found everything you say, is just as you said it is. It makes me very happy to know and experience this power of the Living God.

I just feel like shouting to the world what is here for them.

Best wishes,

Your friend and student,

MRS. E. L. J.

GOD AND THE WORLD MESS

I passed a little country church the other evening and there was wafted to my ears the refrain of a beautiful old melody, "For You I Am Praying." No one knew I was there, as it was dark, and I stopped to listen. There was only a small handful of people in that little church room, probably forty or fifty, and as it was Wednesday evening, I presume it was a regular prayer meeting night in that little community.

As I stood there I began to think, or rather, to try to think, because it is hard work for anyone to really think clearly in this day and age. As usual, I was trying to discover whether or not I could find a way out of the present world mess, or whether or not I could make present world conditions coincide with present theology. As I stood there, I wondered just what effect praying of the orthodox type could possibly have on world conditions today, for if ever the world was in a mess, it is in one now, and if what we call civilization endures, I shall be very much surprised.

There is very little real civilization left. There is a thin shell or veneer which we call civilization for want of a better word, but as far as actual civilization goes, there isn't any. As I write this there are riots and revolts in Egypt against British rule, and that certainly adds to the confusion of world conditions in Europe which already are charged with dynamite.

The world knows what the "Mad man of Italy" is attempting to do, and as I stand on the side-lines and watch history being made, I am of the opinion that praying will have mighty little effect on those conditions. This lunatic, who in my opinion is absolutely insane or drunk with military power, cares nothing whatsoever about human life. He defies the world, and so little is his regard for human life that he sends dynamite bombs, machine guns, tanks, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers

equipped with high-powered rifles into another man's land, and ruthlessly slaughters uneducated savages who are totally unequipped to meet an opposing army equipped with modern methods of warfare. These modern methods of warfare I suppose, are called civilized methods. I don't believe the European question will ever be settled until there has been a major catastrophe, which will involve practically every nation on the face of the earth. This is civilization. This is after two thousand years of prayer.

Every morning I listen to Edward MacHugh sing his old gospel songs over the radio, and there is no question but what there is an impelling sweetness and charm to those old melodies. This may be a response in my nature to early childhood training, and it may not be. However, whenever I hear this good fellow singing those songs, I immediately try to coincide that philosophy of God with present-day conditions, and as a result of that effort on my part, I am driven to either one of two conclusions. Either the entire story of the Crucified Christ of Galilee is false, or it is true, and for some unknown purpose the great God of this Universe is withholding any further manifestations from this earth as he has withheld them for the past many thousands of years. Some followers of the Christian faith tell us that all the nations of the earth shall head up under a man called "Anti-christ" and we shall witness a terrible battle called Armageddon. It looks as if this will come to pass. Then, after this awful slaughter, we are told that Christ himself will descend on the clouds of Heaven with a shout and rule this earth from the city of Jerusalem. Half the Christian people tell us His coming will be pre-millennial, while the other half tell us it will be post-millennial. In other words, half the Christian Church believes he will come before this great Armageddon, while the other half be-

lieves he will not come until one thousand years later.

However, the point I am interested in, is whether or not such a miraculous happening will ever be. Let's look at the evidence, or as Alfred E. Smith would say, "Let's look at the record." Now, going back as far as we can go into religious history and tradition, we find that very many miraculous born Gods are supposed to have come down to this earth to save it. In many of these instances we have been told that there would be a return of these Gods, at which time, the entire world would be gathered together under their respective banners. But, we haven't seen that happen yet, and, there being no more evidence of the truth of the story of Jesus Christ than there was of the stories of these other Gods, it is logical to suppose that neither will He return either. If he does, and if I am all wrong, then it will be one of the most amazing things I have ever heard of. I cannot conceive of a score of crucified gods before this one, all being false, while this last one with the same identical story, can be true. At any rate, if he is that kind of a god, and if he is going to make the lion lie down with the lamb, and banish all sickness and disease and death from the face of the Universe, what a pity he didn't do it the first time he was here.

Frequently I am torn almost to pieces between two emotions. I am approached by ministers and representatives of theological organizations asking me to cast my lot with the church. It would be very easy for me to do this. In fact, along that line lies the path of least resistance for me. If I were to do that, all persecution would stop, all attempts to bar this teaching from the United States mail would stop, all attempts and attacks on my life and character would cease, and I could very easily be one of the most outstanding and internationally known church leaders of this day and age. Finances would not worry me then, and Orthodox religion would point their finger at me and say, "What a mighty man of God he is." Now, to do that would mean an absolute burying of every religious conviction I have. It

would mean that I should have to go against the reason and logic of my own mind and experience, and there would always be ever present and pertinent in my life, the feeling that I was a hypocrite. Let it be remembered here, that I did not take my present stand without many years of experience and investigation of the present church story. And it is as a result of many experiences and much investigation that I take the very definite stand I have taken for the past six years. Then there is left to me another alternative, and that is to continue as I am going now, trying to teach all men and women a new and revolutionary philosophy of God which, while very unpopular with churches and religious organizations, actually works, and actually accomplishes real things in human lives. Now if you were me, which would you do?

Would you allow yourself to stand by your convictions, or would you stifle your convictions for the sake of having an easy time, and cast in your lot with the church? I don't profess to be more level headed than anyone else is, but I do think that I am quite capable of weighing this entire religious proposition and taking the evidence for or against its truth. And once I am convinced that I am right, nothing can ever stop me from publishing abroad the philosophy of God which I have proved to my own satisfaction to be the true one. The day is not here yet, when religious persecution can stop me from giving to the world any philosophy of God I choose to give to it regardless of whether existing religious organizations like it or not.

As I have said before, the time to have stopped me was right on the start of this movement, not now. There are too many hundreds of thousands of people who know of this teaching and know something of the honesty of the man behind it, for it to be stopped over night. You readers of my magazine and of my other writings, have followed me carefully through the years, and you know what I am trying to do and what I have done. To those who heap anathemas on my head, I would say, "First pick the mote out of your own eye, be-

fore you start to pick anything out of my eye." I shall point them to world conditions and ask them what they think of their philosophy, which after two thousand years finds the world in the mess it's in today. I say once more, that before this world gets the true picture of God, every system of orthodox theology in existence will have to die a natural death. There is no possible chance of the human race seeing the beauties of the Spiritual Realm while we have with us a religious philosophy which teaches that God only saves those who believe an impossible story of himself, and damns all the rest.

Cannot you see, my friends, that this thing we call the Christian religion is only one of very many religions? Cannot you see that even it is a house divided against itself? You could no more get two religious denominations to agree on anything than you could get me to fly to the moon. That, and that alone, to me, is absolute evidence that the philosophy of God, advocated by the churches today is absolutely untrue. Some old Bible writer once said, "by their fruits ye shall know them," and if I were to make the Christian religion stand on its own feet and judge it by its fruits, let me say to you, that it would stand condemned today.

There has been more blood spilled over this Christian religion and over all religions, as far as that goes, than from any other cause. And just as long as man accepts a religious philosophy which his mind cannot grasp, and his reason cannot accept, then just so long is that man a puppet in the hands of some organization or other who use him as a dupe for the furthering of their own teaching. And you are very apt to find the dollar at the bottom of most of it.

I was in Rome last year. I spent quite some time examining St. Peter's which is the home of the Pope. Now, I have nothing more against the Pope and his religion than I have against any Protestant leader and his religion. To me, they are all alike. Each has its own individual philosophy of God, and it doesn't care whether it is true or false as long as it can keep its organization

together. But as I stood there, I tried to reconcile that famous structure with the Man of Galilee, who, although the foxes had holes and the birds had nests, He had no place to lay His head. I remembered the thousands of barrels of wine stored in the Vatican basement and I just wondered whether or not that sort of thing was really in harmony with Him who said, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

You know, folks, I think right here, I will tell you who and what Jesus Christ really was. He was a man, the son of Mary and Joseph. He had a perfectly natural birth, even as you and I, and Bible history itself bears that out. From his very earliest childhood he was imbued with a sense of his closeness to God, and this sense of the presence of God was so overpowering in his life that he did what every man must do who knows a little bit about the closeness and the power of God. He began to preach and live up to the light of his day and he preached with all the religious fervor he had. As he preached, multitudes were drawn to him just as they are today drawn to any man who preaches God. Not only did he preach, but he went out and laid his hands on the sick and they recovered. We are told that he called the dead back to life. He cast out Devils. He raised the sleeping body of the son of the widow of Nain. These and many more things he did, because he was God?—certainly not, but because he was a man who knew something of the existing power of God in his life and no miraculous birth or conception was necessary to that life any more than it is necessary now. But the poor, superstitious people, seeing Him work wonders through the Power of the Living God, tacked divinity on to him, and, as was the custom in those days, tried to make him a God.

Jesus Christ refuted that every time they did it. Even in the story of the raising of Lazarus, we are told that he prayed; but we are also told that he was very explicit in telling the multitudes that he did not need to pray for his own satisfaction, BUT THAT THEY WHO SAW THIS MIRACLE MIGHT KNOW

THAT THE WORK WAS BEING DONE THROUGH GOD AND NOT THROUGH HIM. Isn't this a far better picture than the picture the church holds out to us?

I was in the Rockefeller church in New York a few Sundays ago, and with all the misery and the unemployment, and suffering in New York City, I couldn't quite get the existence of that millionaire church standing there with its towers raised to Heaven, and presuming to represent God. That isn't religion, that's theology and there is a vast difference between the two.

I understand perfectly well how the Man of Galilee felt when, before his alleged crucifixion, he sent his little band of disciples away. He told them to wait a little while where they were, for he was going to separate himself from them, and go a little distance away and pray. I know, I think, how he felt, and I understand, if it be true, those drops of blood exuded as perspiration. If that story is true, I think I understand perfectly the reaction this Galilean Carpenter went through. When he came to preach the existing power of the Living God and his well-meaning followers tacked divinity on to him, as they did, and do today. And at the same time members of organized religion, for that is what they were, took him and crucified him. And believe me if they were allowed to, they would do the same thing today with any man preaching the very same doctrine he preached, as powerfully as he preached it.

There is nothing mysterious about all this, nor is there anything mysterious about the so-called un-belief and Atheism in this world today. Men and women, being fundamentally honest in their nature, have seen the lives and heard the claims of those who tell you they belong to God, and the general public simply doesn't believe them. In other words, the world is sick of negative religion and is trying to find a positive religion, and that is the reason people are following every fake leader who comes along. All he has to do is wrap a napkin around his head and tell them he comes from the East with mystic truths, and all that sort of stuff and

he will get a following. All another has to do is to create the impression that he is digging into the mysteries of the past and insinuating that men and women themselves possess some mystic power hidden away in some remote corner of their brain, and that outfit will get a following too.

Christian Science came into the picture a few years ago and it took the first logical step ever taken away from religious fanaticism and superstition, and gave the world the first faint glimmering of the truths of God as those truths actually exist. Now I stated before, and I repeat here that I do not belong to the Christian Science church and have never been inside of one in my life. The Christian Science folks do not like me and won't even let me put an ad in the Christian Science Monitor, but that is neither here nor there. I repeat, Christian Science took men's eyes off the physical, as far as religion is concerned, and put them on the spiritual, and what happened?—the brainiest men in the country, and women too, flocked to that organization and they built on a sound, solid, financial basis, one of the largest religious organizations the world has ever known.

I am sometimes criticized for making a charge for this teaching, "Psychiana," and this, in spite of the fact that I certainly explain to every student why a charge is made, yet here is a religious organization, Christian Science, which always was on a sound financial footing, and it's brought to this world plenty of light. You don't find Christian Scientists down on their knees imploring God by some miraculous means to upset his own divine laws and cause this or that to happen. When a Christian Science practitioner is called in a case of illness, the first thing he does is to show, or try to show the reality of God compared with the unreality of thing physical. I don't agree with them by a long, long way, but the fundamental idea of Christian Science is absolutely sound and absolutely true. It just simply is a stepping out, you might say, on the existence of a Realm of Spiritual Power called God. No need to get down on your knees and pray to a crucified saviour who vanished

two thousand years ago and has never appeared since; no need of that sort of thing whatsoever. Is it not far better to take the existence of God here and now as an accepted fact and to depend upon its existence for health, life, happiness, and fullness of all supply, than it is to say, with your eyes up-raised toward the skies, "Oh me, oh my, what a terrible existence this is. I am a pilgrim along a stormy path trying vainly to find God and I never can find him until I die and then come back to life in some other world?" That may be all right, and there may be some slight essence of truth in it, but the Creative Intelligence which caused this universe to be in the first place, and which sustains it moment by moment, is abundantly able to care for the needs of you and me and everyone else, right here and now, and if He cannot do it now, neither can He do it any where else.

What shall we say about God and the world mess?—Well, I say that had there been any God at all in the lives of our national leaders, there would be no such world mess as there is today. And let me tell you something else—until the world grasps the true picture of God, which will be an entirely new picture from any it's ever held before, there will never be universal peace and brotherhood.

We have more churches today than we have ever had before. More money is given to churches today than ever before and yet more swords are sharpened, more shells being made, more poison gas being manufactured than ever before, and none but a fool would say that God has anything whatsoever to do with it at all. There in Ethiopia, we have the lion of the tribe of Judah. They go into battle, and they pray first to God to make their armies victorious. On the opposing lines, we have the Italians with a bunch of priests along with them and before they go into battle they are blessed by these priests, and they ask God to let victory be on their side too. Well now, even God, as powerful as he is can't bring victory to both sides unless he brings peace to both sides. Now, when Great Britain gets into this international mess, the Archbishop of Can-

terbury and the rest of the eminent divines will set aside days of prayer, and they too will importune God to bring victory to their soldiers. But if Germany happens to be on the other side of the line, the same formula will be repeated there, and they too will claim that God is with them, as they did in the last world war. So you see, it is pretty hard to find exactly where God does fit into such a mess. As a matter of fact, he doesn't, and the reason he doesn't is because the true picture of God has not yet been painted on this earth, except by a very few, and His true power has never yet been known.

The organization we call the church, comes to us with a Bible in one hand and a collection box in the other hand, and it says, "I will bring you the Truths of God. You, in turn are supposed to pay me to the support of this institution." Now, if that isn't buying salvation, I don't know what is, and no church organization has any right to criticize this movement for making a charge for what I write in order to keep on a financial footing strong enough to allow us to continue to operate.

Now the closing thought is the substance of my last message to my students in Los Angeles, it is this: **THIS WORLD NEEDS A NEW VISION OF GOD AND UNTIL SUCH VISION COMES, THERE IS NOTHING BUT DEATH AND MISERY AHEAD OF THE WORLD. THE PRESENT STORY OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED WILL NOT SAVE CIVILIZATION. IT'S BEEN POWERLESS TO DO IT TO DATE AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE POWERLESS TO DO IT.** Let's not gamble with old traditions, but let's step out into the fullness of the existing power of the Realm of God here and now. If you and I do that, we find ourselves protected in a remarkable manner. We don't need priests or preachers to open up the Divine Realm for us, but we live every moment in the consciousness of the presence of the Realm of God. You ask me if the day will ever come when this new vision of God will be universally known, and I tell you yes, that day will come. I am afraid however, that noth-

ing but a miracle can avert a world calamity. The day will come all right, but it will come at a terrible cost and the cost will be so high simply because men and women have chosen to deny the existence of their own reason, and have chosen to follow, instead of God, superstition. Superstition has been rife all through the ages and the world is just now coming to the point where it is willing to throw it away. Of course, the church says that religious leaders like myself who are trying to bring in that day, are atheists, and as far as their story is concerned, we certainly are, but it would be positively absurd to call the author of this article an atheist, for everyone who has ever studied with me knows better than that. I am going to close this article with a few words from Mr. Trine's remarkable book, "In Tune With the Infinite." Here is what he says:

"A knowledge of the Spiritual Power working in and through us as well as in and through all things, a power that works for righteousness leads to optimism. Pessimism leads to weakness. Optimism leads to power. The one who is centered in Deity is the one who not only outrides every storm, but who through the faith and so the conscious power that is in him, faces storm with the same salmness and serenity that he faces fair weather; for he knows well beforehand what the outcome will be. He knows that underneath are the everlasting arms. He it is who realizes the truth of the injunction, 'rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him and He shall give thee thy heart's desire.' All shall be given, simply given, to him who is ready to accept it. Can anything be clearer than this?"

"In the degree, then, that we work in conjunction with the Supreme Power do we need the less to concern ourselves about results. To live in the full realization of this fact and all that attends it brings peace, a full, rich, abiding peace—a peace that makes the present complete, and that, going on before, brings back the assurance that as our days, so shall our strength be."

Now, let me say to my readers and students, that if you are thus centered, even in the face of all the turmoil about you, you can realize to the very full that the present existence of God will bring to you even out of this present-day mess, a fullness of everything you can possibly need for your complete happiness. First, peace; second, supply; third, perfect health.

This has been rather a long article for this magazine, but I trust that it will prove an anchor to your storm tossed soul, for if you are anything like I am, you are wondering what will happen next. But take cheer, it is always darkest just before the dawn and out of the blackness of the present night, I see on the horizon, the first faint beams of a new day. That day will be a day when faith and hope shall be lost in sight. No more clanging instruments of warfare racing across another man's territory. No more dynamite bombs dropped from the sky from mad men's airplanes. No more poison gas. But the whole universe, as brother to brother and sister to sister shall be enveloped in the arms of an everlasting love. That seems a long way off? Yes it does, but as I say, I see the very faint glimmerings of that day penetrating the blackness of this present night. So keep quiet and ere long, this entire world will know God.

Regarding Telegrams

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The Psychiana office receives every year many thousands of telegrams and we are requesting all students who wire us to use the Western Union. Postal Telegraph service in Moscow, is such that it is highly unsatisfactory to us. If a telegram comes by Postal Telegraph we get a telephone call and the telegram is thrown into the mail and we get it anywhere from one to three days later, so kindly use Western Union exclusively when wiring this office.

BILLY SUNDAY

Billy Sunday has passed on and inasmuch as both Billy and I are engaged in the same type of work, I feel like devoting a little space to this good man at this time. Being the cause of thousands taking the "sawdust trail," he himself, has gone down the last sawdust trail, and what lies beyond, not even Billy Sunday knows.

His was a spectacular life. Born and raised in a little Eastern town, he became a baseball player, and then a few years later took up Evangelistic work. This picturesque preacher succumbed to an attack of heart trouble at the home of his brother-in-law, a Chicago florist. First, last, and all the time Billy Sunday was a showman. I remember some years ago he got me to go down the "sawdust trail" in Portland, Oregon. Being in earnest in my search for Spiritual Truth in those days, I followed every religious teacher who came along, trying to find the light. I know I was rather disgusted with Billy in that meeting, because a woman made a remark of some sort, and Sunday immediately asked if there was a cowboy in the house to lasso that heifer and snake her out of there. That may have been all right, but that is just simply art effect and showmanship.

I don't know how much "salvation" Billy Sunday had, but he certainly had lots of acting ability. Of course, like all religious leaders who are a little bit different, Sunday came in for a great deal of criticism and for years was the center of heated controversy. He was loved and he was hated. He was respected and he was despised. His methods were praised and condemned, and what he accomplished was exaggerated and belittled. A most remarkable thing about Billy's career was that churches who are supposed to represent God on earth were very bitter in their attacks upon his method. I think on appraising Billy Sunday's life however, it is fair to judge that he did a great deal more good than he did harm. For although

these hundreds of thousands of people who went down the "sawdust trail" probably never found what they were looking for, yet he did bring fresh hope and a quickening of life to thousands of despondent people. I think Billy was a great emotional preacher. In fact he was nothing else; only an emotional preacher and a good actor. I don't believe his message would ever cause anyone to think however. Many disagree heartily with his methods, his flamboyance, and his colorful language and his lurid denunciations of things believed to be evil. I don't think, however, these harmed anyone, and if they gave a new slant on life to some of his audiences, well and good.

Life is quite often a drab proposition for many people, and anyone who brings into it colorful action and pungent thought probably does no harm and may do a great deal of good. Now look at the way Billy passed out of the picture for a few moments and see if we can get a little light there, because certainly a man as close to God as Billy said he was should be able to give poor, thirsty mortals like you and I a little light on so important a subject. Newspaper accounts say that his last prayer was "Lord make it quick." I don't know of course, what was in his mind, but certainly there wasn't very much confidence there, for to me that statement evidences a fear of death, and those of us who do know the true Realm of God also know that death holds no fears whatsoever for any of us. Yet, here was Billy Sunday asking the Lord to make his passing quick. Of course, my church friends will immediately tell me that Billy was so anxious to get to the "other side" that he wanted a quick passage and therefore uttered this prayer, "Lord make it quick." However that was, we will never know.

I have, somewhere in my files, the figures on the collections received by Billy Sunday when he was going in full swing.

Billy would contract to go to a certain town and "drive the Devil out of it," but the churches there had to guarantee Billy so much money for doing it, and it is absolutely amazing, the amount of money collected by this wonderful man, as a direct result of leading "souls unto the kingdom." It ran into the millions. Of course, I have no right to say that Billy Sunday was saving souls for so much money, and I am not saying it, but I am saying that the record is quite clear that Sunday did make at least a million dollars during his lifetime, and he made it directly through "saving souls."

Somehow or other, I just don't coincide—of making millions out of the salvation of others, with the words of the great Nazarene who went about "taking no thought for the morrow." I am not criticizing, but I can't help but wonder what became of all these souls saved by Billy. I don't believe the churches today would welcome any such methods as that. Last year in New York City, I saw from my hotel window a sign on the side of a little church. It stated that Billy Sunday was holding meetings there. I went in and there were only about two hundred people listening to Brother Bill, which goes to show that public thought has changed plenty in the past twenty-five years. To me it is absolutely foolish to think that any Spiritual truth can be learned by such methods as our friend Sunday adopted, and if I were asked my personal opinion of the entire thing, I would say that it was a money-making racket, based upon religious emotion and I would further say that ninety-nine per cent of those who went down the "sawdust trail" were fooled by these methods.

Those of us who know something of Spiritual Power know full well that the power of the Realm of God does not operate in such a manner. I very frequently allude to the lillies growing on the mountain side. In scores of articles have I asked my students and friends to keep quiet, and in closing this little article on Billy, I can do no more than quote a little passage which will do more toward bringing men and women to God than all the ranting and raving of Evangelists of the Sunday type. Here

it is: "Consider the lillies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Then there is another little passage which may demonstrate what I mean, and I will give this to you this Christmas time: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters." There is nothing more quiet and peaceful than still waters. Then there is another passage I quote very often: "Be still, and know that I am God." When you take such gems of Spiritual thought as these are, it is pretty hard to understand how God can be found by methods which are noisy, uncouth, blustering, and to say the least, shabby.

I suppose we shouldn't talk about those who have passed on, but just the same, here is an outstanding religious leader who in his prime, was held out as a great man of God. He made millions, and yet as far as there being any permanent, lasting good accruing from this man's efforts, I don't know where it is.

Sunday claims that he converted several million people in his career, and it is reasonable to suppose that if the salvation offered by Billy was the real thing, that these millions of people would only be too anxious to tell others about this wonderful experience of finding God. It is also reasonable to presume that each one of these converted brethren could at least secure one more convert and bring him into the Realm of God in one year. Now, let's suppose that these millions actually found what Sunday told them he would find—God. And each one went out and in a year obtained one more convert and introduced him to the Power of God. Let's suppose that Billy only had one million converts. Don't you see what would have happened? In the second year, there would be two million; in the third year these two million would be four million. In the fourth year that million would be eight million and long before Sunday ever died there wouldn't be a soul on the face of the earth who hadn't been

brought to know the Power of God. Now you and I know that no such thing as that happened. Personally I am of the opinion that this type of preacher, and we have a few of them left, might very easily be a detriment to the rest of the human race, simply because they are painting a picture of God which absolutely is not true.

Some preachers criticize me for making a charge for this "PSYCHIANA," but I am a piker as far as Billy Sunday is concerned. I never expect to make a million dollars or a very great fraction of that sum. I am interested in only enough money to keep operating and to make this movement so large that men and women by the million will know and find something of the peace and the power which the Realm of God brings. Yet Sunday was welcomed into most of the churches and he was given a few honorary degrees, which is perfectly all right, but just the same, the outstanding fact about Billy Sunday's life is the fact that he amassed a huge fortune by "leading souls to God." Thousands and thousands of dollars poured into his war chest, yet the salvation he preached to others, he couldn't sell to his own children. I am not going to get personal here in talking about a man who has already died, but I have had personal contact with two of his sons and believe you me, I don't care to have either one of them known as a friend of mine. The next great Spiritual movement this world sees will be a movement of power and not of emotion, for if the Realm of God exists at all, it is about time that we had some experience with it, and I am making the prediction to you now, that in the near future some man or woman will come into the picture who will demonstrate the actual literal power of the Realm of God. This world will be satisfied with nothing less than that. A human soul will be satisfied with nothing less, and that day is coming—in fact it is here. It probably will have to sneak like a burglar at first, but just the same, old orthodox theology has been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and we had better find something to take its place.

The method of approach to God is simple, for the clarion call is quite clear. Here it is: "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and drink."

Let there be an absolute quietness of mind and soul and dwell upon the things pertaining to God until the day comes in which a Spiritual connection is established between you and the Realm of God, and when that happens, you will know it.

THE CROSSLESS CHRIST

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ests secondary. I am not interested in amassing a fortune. Nor am I interested in any sense in temporal power. If I wanted that, I probably could get it. I am interested, however, in sowing enough seeds while I am on this earth that the tens and hundreds of thousands of students, followers and friends of mine will see the results of the seeds sown and thank the Lord that there have been enough seeds sown to have their effect on modern religious thinking.

These seeds of religious truth, coming as they have from out of the great storehouse of the Realm of God must and will bring forth much fruit. Of course, the church loudly berates me. It calls me an infidel and an atheist, but that's only because I am telling men and women the truth as I know that truth to exist. If the church would do a little more of that, it would get by far better.

Now, do not misunderstand me. I am not saying that the leaders of these denominations are dishonest to the extent of fraud when they know of certain existing facts which would vitally affect the credulity of the story they are telling, and when they withhold these facts from millions of people who are starving for the truth. Let me give you an instance. In the New Testament we have four Gospels, the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Now, there cannot be a theological student who does not know the history of those four gospels and who does not know that they are entirely anonymous produc-

tions. No one knows where they came from, no one knows who wrote them, and every theological student should know that there never has been known to exist one single original manuscript covering any of those gospels.

Any minister who wants to study the Catholic Encyclopedia can find there the statement that these gospels with with other writings were completely anonymous. They had no titles at all, so titles were given them by a body of Roman Catholic priests. Now why do not ministers who rave from their pulpits and over the radio every Sunday tell honest, trusting souls who are depending upon them for spiritual truth, what the truth actually is.

We are told that Moses wrote the Pentateuch, but we know that Moses did nothing of the kind. Moses could not possibly have written it, yet the preachers will tell us Sunday after Sunday we are told that Moses wrote those books.

All I want is honesty in religion. Certain religious organizations tell us that we must not study religious literature, including the Bible, except such literature as they approve. Well, how are we going to know the complete history unless we do? What I want is all facts concerning the present Bible laid in their entirety before the American people, and then let them decide for themselves whether the story is true or false. It won't take the American people very long to so decide.

Any religion which cannot stand on its own feet should not exist, for every created human soul has the same value in the sight of God, and every human soul is entitled to know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in things religious.

Churches may scoff about the things I say. They make efforts to prevent the spread of this gospel of mine, but this movement is grounded in the power of God and nothing the church can do to stop it will ever be successful. I may pass out of the picture, but the seeds sown will be watered by another, and fallowed by still another, and in due time will bring forth abundant harvest of truths of God.

I am probably writing and thinking

10 or 20 years ahead of my time, but that is the effect always of the spirit of God in the life of one to whom the presence of this spirit is all important.

It will pay you to weigh carefully the words I send you, whether they be in my books, my courses, or this magazine. Weigh them carefully for you can depend upon it they are of God.

As far as the opposition goes, let them laugh, for they would not laugh if their structure were founded upon a rock. But it isn't. It is founded upon sand and cannot possibly survive and will not survive in its present form.

Billy Sunday passed away in Chicago last Sunday. You will recall that when I first launched this movement, I received a letter from Billy Sunday asking me for God's sake not to try and drive men away from the cross of Christ while he was trying to drive them to it. With all respect to Billy Sunday, the most outstanding part of his ministry was the huge collections he received. If the figures on the alleged conversions received by Billy Sunday through his life are true, and if every soul whom Billy claims he converted got one more soul in a year converted, every human being on the face of this earth would have been converted five years after Billy Sunday started to preach.

I went down the "sawdust trail" in one of Billy Sunday's meetings in Portland, Oregon, some 25 years ago, but as far as finding God by that method goes, I left the church in the same identical condition I entered it. You can't find God by emotional methods. You can't find God by holding out the fear of Hell or the hope of Heaven to men and women. You will find God by sitting down and quietly communing and reasoning together. It seems to me I recall some passage of scripture which runs something like this, "Come, let us reason together." That's it. Sit down and quietly reason out what you think God should mean to you and the picture you will get will be within your reasoning mind. You will be able to comprehend it and with that comprehension will come a realization that this power of God exists for you. After all is said and done, consider God's finest handiwork—the

little lily on the mountainside to which I allude to often. Surely man cannot duplicate that creation, yet we are asked, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin. And yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Be still, and out of the stillness will come to you—God. Be quiet and listen for that still, small spiritual voice which, if followed, will lead you into that Realm of power where all your desires, both physical, material, and spiritual will be met.

A cross without a Christ? No, give us a Christ without a cross.

RELIGION IN MEXICO

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fundamental basis of our government.

Our constitution says:

"That Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

And the present Mexican constitution, concerning the same subject reads:

"That Congress shall not enact any law establishing or forbidding any religion whatsoever."

It is these provisions of the Mexican constitution to which the Catholic Church takes exception.

It wants to repudiate this constitution for the one which provides for the existence of the "Roman Catholic Apostolic Religion as the national religion, without toleration of any other."

It also wants the statutes revived providing for the "Benefit of Clergy."

But the Mexican people, like the peoples in other enlightened countries, insist that the temporal power of the church shall no longer prevail in their country, and they insist that the church confine its activities and functions solely and exclusively to matters of a religious nature.

The church as a divine institution belongs to the same category as the belief in the flatness of the earth.

The days of theocracies are over. Re-

ligion cannot dictate to free governments.

Neither individuals nor religious institutions can complain of the laws under which they live, if, because of their persistent violation of those laws, freedom is denied to them.

With a well organized and well oiled machinery of propaganda the religious problem in various countries could be stimulated and magnified to such menacing proportions that it would embroil the entire world in one of those bitter and devastating religious wars which have stained the pages of history with blood.

Religious intrigue has, on more than one occasion, precipitated bloodshed, and unless we are willing to take heed of the past it will do so again.

Almost every government in the world has had its religious problem, and if the United States were to interfere in each and every one of these countries every time a religious dispute arose, our country would be meddling with the internal affairs of almost every nation on the face of the globe.

We ourselves are not without our racial and religious problems.

Let us make sure that our house is in order before we seek to arrange the affairs of others.

The American people believe that the religious situation in Mexico, is purely a problem which concerns them and them alone, and it is our intention to let them solve it.

Secretary of State, Hull, has just issued an official communication, in which he states that the government of the United States does not intend to interfere with the religious affairs of Mexico.

He gives as his reason for this action, that not a single complaint has been received by him from an American living in Mexico, whose religious liberty has been abridged to the slightest degree.

The enlightened people of the United States want to live in peace and harmony with the rest of the peoples of the world, and with no greater degree of good will does this apply than to the people of our sister Republic below the Rio Grande.

Courts of equity were formed for the purpose of administering justice, but one of the cardinal principles of these courts is that those who seek redress shall come to them with clean hands.

Can the Catholic Church in Mexico do that?

Has it been free from the crimes which it now charges Mexico with perpetrating against her?

It is a matter of historical record that the Mexican people have been far more liberal with the Church, than the Church has been with them.

The present political leaders of Mexico are men of the highest ideals who have dedicated themselves to the cause of freedom, and I am confident that future generations will honor General Calles, President Cardanes, and other Mexican leaders, with the same devotion that we honor George Washington and the Revolutionary Fathers.

To enjoy the fruits of a Revolution is quite a different thing from enduring the suffering and hardship of living through one.

I cannot conclude this defense of the Mexican people in their present religious controversy more appropriately, than by firmly and emphatically stating that there is a greater degree of religious liberty in Mexico today than there was at any time during the four hundred years of its domination by the Catholic Church.

CHRISTMAS

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the dead, then the command stands that you and I can do likewise.

Listen to some more of his marvelous statements. "Whatever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Here is another one. "All things are possible to him who believes." I could go on almost indefinitely quoting from that great Nazarene, and quoting from other famed spiritual leaders, and the prophecy would in every case be the same. They told the same story then that I am

telling now. The story was misunderstood then, for the world was not ready for the message, but the world is getting ready for the message today, and there will arise the man, fearless, with an iron will, who will, in spite of all opposition, give to the world such a redeeming revelation of the power of God that like a flash, the world will see it and grasp it.

Now to my students and friends and readers of this magazine, I send you all Christmas greetings.

This has been a hard year for me—plenty hard—and if I were not as thick skinned as I am, I probably might have broken under the strain of it. This organization of mine has been attacked from every conceivable angle. Lies, libellous matter, slander have been published about me. Every conceivable attempt has been made to unseat the movement, and these attempts have been made by those jealous individuals who see in the movement something of the real truths of God, and knowing the sham and fallacies of their own stand, they are just a little bit afraid that the new picture of God being given to the world through this movement might eventually harm their own organizations.

Well, as far as upsetting me goes, I don't worry about that, for even if it were possible, this movement would never die. The seed has been sown. One sows, another waters, and another reaps. I don't know how many years I shall have left yet, but I do know that every one of them, as long as I am physically and mentally able, will be spent in an effort to bring to men and women the true picture of God as I believe this picture exists.

If the message hurts or exposes others, I am sorry, but no true man entrusted with a movement of this kind, can ever be swerved from his mission in life, and my mission in life happens to be to make the message of God a little clearer to a world which is hungry and dying for it.

It is utterly impossible to read the letters which come to me and not to know that the vast majority of Americans are hungry and starving for some

little grain of vital spiritual truth which will alleviate their sufferings and disease and satisfy their faith.

That is what we are trying to do here in Moscow. We are misunderstood, oh, yes, and deliberately misunderstood most of the time, but we have one consoling thought, and one sure foundation upon which to stand, and that is that if the Realm of God is behind us, which it is, it is far greater than all who can possibly be against us.

I am nothing at all in the plan of God. I can assure you of that, and God's purpose will ripen very fast without me, and were I taken out of the picture immediately, some other man or woman would be raised up to continue where I left off, because the power of God being immutable and being God, nothing, absolutely nothing can hinder any work anchored to the rock of ages which is the rock of spiritual truth which is God.

Now, have a good time this Christmas, and take a few hours apart from the world. Come ye out from among them and be ye separate and there alone in the quietness of your soul, with a heart full of expectancy and a willingness to obey, just listen to what the Realm of God has to say to you, and when you receive the message, you will find that it will be a message of peace and ineffable love, for that is the way the Realm of God speaks.

To all your little kiddies, I send my kindest greetings, and to the many

thousands who will send little gifts and postcards to me, I thank you in advance. Last Christmas, it took over three weeks before all the Christmas Cards sent to me were opened, and there will probably be a greater number this year.

Now, I must close this article with a little poem with which I started one of my books. I like it very much, and you will sense the power of this message yourselves.

THE ETERNAL LOVE

Eternal light, eternal light;

How pure the soul must be:

When placed within Thy searching sight
It shrinks not—but, with calm delight
Can live, and look on thee.

The spirits that surround Thy throne;

May bear the burning bliss;

But this is surely theirs alone,
Since they have never, never known
A fallen world like this.

There is a way for man to rise;

To that sublime abode,

An offering and a sacrifice;

A holy spirit's energies;

An advocate with God.

These, these prepare us for the sight,

Of majesty above;

The sons of ignorance and night,

May dwell in the eternal light,

Through the eternal love.

—T. Binney

WAS I RIGHT OR WRONG?

When I first released this teaching, a howl of protest went up I can assure you. I was given any where from three weeks to six months to last. Churches attacked me as did other organizations. I was crazy. I didn't know what I was talking about. I was informed that the Bible had stood the test of the ages and

that the old definition of God had stood for thousands of years and would stand long after I was out of the picture. Now let's see. In the past eight years, there has been more scientific data advanced regarding spiritual things than ever before. Before this teaching was given to the world, science knew nothing

that was not physical or material. Now science completely reverses itself and states that the greatest powers and forces in existence today are Spiritual powers and forces. Of course, there is little likelihood that this teaching of mine had anything to do with this change of scientific thought, but just the same it is rather curious to note that the swinging around on the part of science started about one year after I released "PSYCHIANA."

I have, somewhere in my files a letter sent to forty-two scientists to whom this teaching was sent, and as I recall the statements many of them made, they considered this teaching absolutely a spiritual revelation to the scientific world. You know, science is honest. Preachers like to poke fun at science because it upsets their present conceived ideas of orthodox theology. For instance, the Bible tells us that this earth is only six thousand years old, but the science of geology upsets that story. The Bible tells us that the languages of the earth came about because a certain group of people started to build a tower so high that it would reach Heaven, and that the Lord confounded their tongues on that account, but, the science of comparative philology utterly knocks that theory on the head, and so on and so forth.

So, because it didn't jibe with the ideas of priests and preachers, scientists were all haywire. Science was wrong. Fact was wrong. Truth was wrong. In fact everything was wrong that was opposed to the teachings of the orthodox theologians. But a remarkable change has taken place I assure you and I am going to quote here an Associated Press article which appeared in a New York paper quite recently:

THEOLOGICAL IDEA OUTPUT HELD LOW

Should Widen With Increase of
Knowledge, Millikan Says.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Theological ideas, asserted Dr. Robert A. Millikan today, must change with

the increase of knowledge.

The noted scientist, returning to the United States on the liner Manhattan from London, said:

"Science broadens our religious thinking. The more man knows the less superstitious he becomes. Scientific conquests are only part of the general growth of knowledge. They help man control the forces he used to think were pressing down on him and making him a fatalist.

"Beliefs will continue shifting. Religion is not merely theology. It is a big force in human society working to diminish human grief. It is the expression of ideals that develop in a people."

Dr. Millikan—who presided at the Congress of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics in London—said "there is no such a thing as the supernatural."

"We have," he added, "been calling everything which we did not understand 'the supernatural.'"

Of the universe, the Californian declared:

"The development of science shows a universe of orderliness, not a chance thing. Who did it? That question is what inspires our reverence. You can use the word 'God' if you want to describe what is behind this universe. You do not have to mean an anthropomorphic individual, a man-like person."

Dr. Millikan is known, I think, as perhaps the outstanding scientist of the present day, at least one of them, and it is interesting to note what he says. He tells us that science broadens our religious thinking and tells us that the more man knows the less superstitious he becomes. Now, if I haven't been teaching that for the past eight years, I'll eat my hat. Millikan states that religion is not theology, and if you will look elsewhere in this magazine you will find that very statement made in another article, and those of you who know me know that I have been making that statement ever since this movement started. I have also stated that religious beliefs change with the four winds of

Heaven, and here we find Dr. Millikan stating the same identical thing. Perhaps the most amazing statement though in this article is the one in which he states that we have been calling "supernatural" everything we didn't understand, and you will find that statement many times in my various writings. You can try as hard as you want to, to knock "PSYCHIANA" to pieces, and you still will find it scientifically sound, spiritually sound, and the greatest forward-looking, and the truest religious movement in the universe today.

I may be a poor puppet and probably am. These brilliant scientists have forgotten more than I ever will know, but there is one thing that I have done, that they have never done. I have given one whole life of honest, earnest thought to finding out the truth about the Realm of God, and it is not possible for a man to do that and not have a clearer picture of the Realm of God than has the preacher, or priest, who studies only a theology placed into his hands in a book drawn up by his organization.

Millikan says the development of science shows a universe or orderliness not a chance thing. I argued in this same study last week that the Realm of the Spirit of God and the operation of God could be nothing less than Spiritual Law and not chance, and here there comes to me today this clipping, quoting Dr. Millikan as saying the same identical thing—"Who did it?" asks Dr. Millikan. He tells us that we can use the word God if we want to describe the power of God behind this universe. And then he makes the most dynamic statement I have seen in a long time, and a statement which appears in my display advertising, and which has consistently appeared all through this teaching. As a matter of fact, it is the back bone of this teaching. Listen to it: "You can use the word God if you want to describe what is behind this universe. You don't have to mean an anthropomorphic individual—A MAN-LIKE PERSON."

Whenever I read statements like this, if there ever was any doubt in my mind regarding the truth of my experience, that doubt is immediately shattered. Scientist after scientist has come into the

foreground and stated the same identical things which I have stated ever since I brought this movement into existence. I haven't as high academic degree as some of these gentlemen have, and I am not recognized, of course, as they are. You know, if you look back over religious history, you will find that great religious discoveries and great truths have very seldom been brought in by great scientists or great minds. Usually it is some person who is not great in any accepted sense of the word. Some forgotten soul eking out a very mediocre existence somewhere or other, but God has, in His infinite wisdom, seen fit to place His hand on such a person and release truths of the Spiritual Realm through such a one.

You remember one of the old Bible stories told about the Galilean Carpenter. A huge multitude was around him. They thronged him and pressed him on every side. Yet, he said, "Who touched me?" Rather a foolish question you say, with the multitudes thronging him, but, not at all, someone TOUCHED him. Again, when he needed a disciple, he didn't go to the great university in Jerusalem to get one, but he picked a tax collector sitting along the side of the road collecting his tolls. Once more huge throngs turned out to see the passing of the Master. That day He would have been welcomed probably in the finest homes they had, although there were no fine homes in that day as we know them today. Nevertheless, probably thousands of people would have been glad to have entertained this great Galilean Prophet, but he didn't accept any of those invitations if he received them—no sir. But on the line of travel he spotted a man sitting up in a tree. This fellow had climbed the tree to get a vision of the Christ of Galilee as he passed, and this great Christ once more did the unexpected thing. He spotted this man up in the tree and said to him: did the unexpected thing. He spotted to stay in your house over night." And it was ever thus, and will always be thus. The Presbyterian Church brutally murdered Servetus because he wrote an article denying the doctrine of the trinity, yet that same doctrine is now denied

by the entire Presbyterian organization. It built a monument on the same spot in which it caused the brutal murder of this Saint of God who had more Spiritual insight in his little finger than John Calvin and all his Presbyterian followers had in their entire bodies.

I am exceedingly glad to see such men as Dr. Millikan coming out and making the self-same statements that the founder of "PSYCHIANA" made when this movement was first started.

Spiritual Truth never changes. Theology changes, and changes plenty, but the Truths of God never change and in spite of all the opposition possible, and in spite of all the dogmas and creeds now existent, the truths of the living God are slowly but very surely breaking into human hearts and minds.

I am not foolish enough to think that I can upset any religious organization in my little life-time, nor am I interested in even trying that. It would show poor generalship if I did. I gave my philosophy to the world, and if it is not true, it will die of its own weight. If it is true, it will live in spite of all opposition brought to bear upon it. The seeds which have been planted during the past seven or eight years and the honest, sincere, conscientious desire that Spiritual Truth may be known, which has been behind my every effort—these seeds, I say, have been planted and are already germinating, and if I passed out of the picture tomorrow, you couldn't escape an abundant harvest in the future.

Fortunately God gave you and me reason. And reason is the greatest gem in the human mind. He didn't give us that reason to have us throw it overboard and listen to some priest or preacher—not by a long shot. As a matter of fact He said, "Come, let us REASON together." And no one can go wrong by applying reason in the Spiritual Realm. If I have in my possession

absolute evidence that the doctrines the church preaches are not true, no one can possibly go wrong by believing the evidence of fact as against the evidence of religious superstition. I don't care if it brings a revolution, or if it upsets the whole church structure; if it's the truth, sooner or later it must be recognized. And if existing religious organizations are teaching error instead of truth, then I repeat a statement made recently on a public lecture platform, that it would be a good thing for the United States if every church house in the country, not preaching the truth, be closed up. You cannot find anything about the true God by studying false religious theology. Let's have more men like Dr. Millikan, and let the American people themselves rise up against all religious superstition, and, by personal contact, so place themselves in direct communion with the Infinite Spirit of the Realm of God, that God can work through them for the final edification and salvation of the human race. This way will salvation come, and in no other way. Let every reader of this magazine and every student of mine remember this. The salvation of this world lies in getting God into your lives, and not in following any church philosophy, for church philosophy makes the fatal mistake of claiming Divinity for a human being, and no human being ever was God in the accepted sense of the word.

Let's get away from all mediators or man-made Gods and throw them into the discard where they belong, and let's have a clear vision, and a pure unsullied contact with the Realm of God, and you can leave all other problems alone.

I hope you will see what I am trying to say here and don't forget to spend at least fifteen minutes or half an hour of every day in quiet contemplation of the things pertaining to God, as you have learned them through his teaching.

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Paw-Paw, Mich.

Sept. 20, 1935.

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